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EO 11652 GDS

TAGS PARM TECH IAEA

SUBJ IAEA DG'S RESPONSE TO SWISS QUESTION RE

INTERPRETATION OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS

REF STATE 96574

1. GOC EXTAFF SAFEGUARDS OFFICE RAISED SWISS QUESTION WITH  
EMBOFF APRIL 26 AND AGAIN APRIL 28. GOC WOULD DEFINITELY AGREE  
WITH APPROACH THAT THESE MICRO EXPLOSIONS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT  
NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE NPT OR THE  
IAEA CONTEXT. BOTH EXTAFF AND AECL OFFICIALS ACTING AS TECHNICAL  
EXPERTS FOR EXTAFF ARE, HOWEVER, SOMEWHAT DISTURBED BY TWO  
POINTS:

A. THEY WISH TO BE SUFFICIENTLY CIRCUMSPECT IN ANSWERING SWISS  
QUESTION TO INSURE THAT A NEGATIVE ANSWER IN THIS INSTANCE DOES  
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NOT POST FUTURE PROBLEMS.

B. THEY ALSO FORESEE THAT A NEGATIVE ANSWER IN THIS INSTANCE MAY EVENTUALLY INVOLVE ALL OF US IN A LINE-DRAWING EXERCISE WHICH COULD BECOME STICKY, I.E., AT EXACTLY WHAT SIZE OR YIELD DOES A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION CEASE TO BE THE PRODUCT OF AN EXPLOSIVE NUCLEAR DEVICE. THE INTRINSICALLY ACADEMIC NATURE OF SUCH A QUESTION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT IT COULD NOT BECOME A TIME CONSUMING PROBLEM IN EITHER THE NPT OR IAEA FORA.  
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